

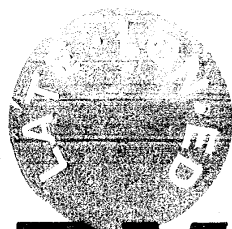
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## TRENCHES IN EVERY GARDEN AND PARK IS AIR RAID PLAN

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**EVERY** Englishman's garden is going to be his trench, and trenches will be dug in every park in London and other big cities.

That is the latest Government plan to provide safety for Britain when, and if, the next air raiders arrive.

As warning of a raid is flashed to London thousands of women and children, marshalled by air wardens, will take their places in the safety trenches.

To-day all county and borough authorities will receive from the Home Office a plan of guidance. They will at once begin to put their own air raid plans into operation.

And the safest shelter of all, against the high explosive bomb, the Government says, is the trench.

A ready response has been given to the appeal for 1,000,000 air raid wardens.

### Problem of Panic

Business premises and private houses are to be surveyed with a view to erecting a limited number of shelters for people caught in the streets during a raid.

Experience of air bombing in the Spain and China wars has shown that only a few buildings could resist a direct bomb hit.

Two great problems which have to be faced are: The danger of panic, and the evacuation of cities.

The question of evacuating the civil population presents such difficulties that the Government believe that it would probably be safer at first for people to remain in their cities and towns.

It is realised that many people will dash into the country, but anything in the nature of a panic stampede will be instantly stopped.

The Government are concentrating on providing gas-masks for all, and are urging local authorities to take precautions against fire caused by incendiary bombs.

Wing Commander Hodson, who is Inspector-General of Air Raid Precautions, in a speech in London yesterday said the big London railway stations might be put out of action by enemy air raids.

"The railway companies," he said will have to have instructions ready for the public as to their action if caught on railway premises when an air raid warning is received."

### BOMB EXPLODES IN STREET

Hundreds of windows were shattered when a bomb exploded last night at a block of offices in College-square East, Belfast.

The only injuries, none serious, were to ten passengers in a crowded bus which was passing at the time.

### CHILD TOOK GRANDMA'S HAT TO HIDE SCAR

**L**ITTLE Jean Lobban, of Steward-street, Birmingham, will never go out without a hat.

She will take anybody's that happens to be lying about. The other day her mother found her playing in the road wearing her grandmother's hat.

But five-year-old Jean is really a sad little figure.

Recently she lost part of her ear when she was knocked down by a van, and she hates her playmates to see that torn ear.

### YOUNG PEERESS IS "GRAVELY ILL"

**C**ONDITION of beautiful twenty-five-old Lady Bridport, who is in a West End nursing home, was stated last night to be "very serious."

Her illness has caused such anxiety that her twenty-six-year-old husband, Viscount Bridport, has been her only visitor.

Their wedding in 1934 was the sequel to another romance. Lord Bridport was serving in H.M.S. Nelson at the time of the wedding of his sister, Miss Eileen Hood, to Mr. D. L. Baker, and was unable to be present.

Not until later did he meet Mr. Baker's sister, Pamela, one of the bridesmaids.

And if she doesn't wear a hat she must wear her hair in a certain way brushed over her right ear.

"She will not be affected while the present style of hairdressing persists," commented Mr. Justice Goddard when she was awarded £375 agreed damages (suing through her father) against Rich and Pattison, Ltd., owners of the van, at Birmingham Assizes yesterday.

But there is hope for Jean. Her money will be held in trust until she is twenty-one and then it will be spent on trying to graft another ear.

### Widowed by Villa Shooting



With a crumpled handkerchief clutched in her hand. . . .

Mrs. Georgina Casserley, widow of Mr. Percy Arthur Casserley, who was found shot at their Wimbledon, London, villa, photographed yesterday outside the Wimbledon nursing home in which she is a patient.

Her husband was buried in secret during the week-end. There were only three mourners—all men. Special precautions had been taken to prevent outsiders attending.

Edward Royal Chaplin, a thirty-five-year old Morden (Surrey) bricklayer's foreman, has been remanded for a week charged with the murder of Casserley.

### LAUGHING GIRL PLANNED IDEAL WEDDING—DIED

**J**EANETTE SIMONS was going to be married—and a grand wedding it was going to be.

For weeks she had studied all the pictures of the society weddings, had read all the fashionable gossip of Mayfair marriages.

And she had planned her own with the earnest joy of a girl of twenty in love with life.

Jeanette had been engaged for two years to Wilfred Ellis, a printer, and he had looked on with indulgent pleasure as Jeanette had schemed for her wedding on Easter Tuesday.

### Thrilled . . .

They had taken their house in Victoria-avenue, Blackley, Manchester. Every evening Jeanette went to prepare her home.

She was thrilled by her trousseau and the presents her friends had sent her. Even the idea of paying rent for the first time added a zest to life.

She was telling her mother about her wedding as she went to bed in her home in Clifton-street, Hulme, Manchester, on Sunday.

"Mine is going to be the best of all weddings," she said. "These society marriages will be nothing to mine."

These were Jeanette's last words. She had earlier complained of a slight pain in her side—"excitement," she laughingly explained.

When her father went to her room yesterday he found Jeanette dead in bed. Her heart had failed.

### 'MISTAKE' AT FIRE: INQUIRY ORDERED

**H**ENDON Borough Council decided last night that its Fire Brigade Committee should hold an inquiry into a fire at Temple-gardens, Golders Green, N.W., in which nine-year-old Jennifer Susan Bramall was asphyxiated.

Earlier in the day, Hendon coroner's jury had decided that Jennifer had died by accident.

Councillor A. A. Naar, chairman of the Fire Committee, gave a report at the Borough Council meeting last night on the times of the call and the arrival of the fire brigade.

One engine, he said, went to Temple-grove by mistake.

There was need for inquiry as to why the pressure of water failed for a time, he said.

### ACTRESS SEEKS DIVORCE

A petition for divorce by Miss Constance Carpenter, the actress, against her husband, Mr. Paul Ord Hamilton, the broadcasting artist and composer, is down for hearing in the Divorce Court to-day, before the President, Sir Boyd Merriman.

Mr. J. W. Morris, K.C., will appear for the petitioner.